



Jerry Garner, reporter for the Portland Observer, receives "Potential Leadership Award" from Calvin Henry, President of OABA.
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(L-R) David Little, Kathleen Saadat, Michael Clark, Multnomah County Chair Gladys McCoy, Jerry Garner, and Bill Slater were recipients of awards presented by Calvin Henry, President of OABA. John Byrne, not pictured, also received an award.
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Kathleen Saadat, Executive Director of the State Commission on Black Affairs, received "Potential Leadership Award" from Calvin Henry, President of OABA.
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Call-To-Action Leadership Conference Held

by Jerry Garner

The Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) held its sixth Call-To-Action Leadership Conference Saturday at the Chumaree Comfortel Hotel in Salem. The purpose of the conference was to bring together persons concerned with the political development of Black people of Oregon, to discuss priorities of the Black community and the State of Oregon, to examine legislative and executive actions, and to prepare a 1987 legislative program with a strategy for implementation.

The conference featured workshops on the following topics: "Impacting the Legislative & Political Process"; "The Republican Legislative Agenda"; "The Democratic Legislative Agenda"; "Getting Legislation Introduced and Lobbying for its Passage"; "You Can Make a Difference With Legislature"; "State Board and Commission"; and "Local Government Access".

Keynote speaker was the Honorable Gladys McCoy, Multnomah County Chair. The theme of her speech was "Their Dreams...Our Dreams". McCoy told those at the conference that it was "important and necessary that they, like the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., should become dreamers and visionaries." McCoy also mentioned the dreams of other Black leaders such as Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, Malcolm X and Stokely Carmichael. "Those individuals were pioneers and we should not forget them," McCoy said.

McCoy said although Blacks now enjoy some access freedoms, with each decade new problems emerge requiring new leadership and strategies. McCoy said she was pleased

Caring Adults Needed to Help Teen Boys

Eight boys, ages 11 to 14, live at the group home operated by Edgefield Children's Center. After the boys have been at Edgefield for a while, they need to spend time with other caring adults.

Because of the problems the boys have faced, they have been labelled emotionally disturbed. At Edgefield, they are being helped to change their behaviors and adjust more normally to life. It is very helpful for each boy to spend time with an interested adult who will take him on a weekend outing or invite him for a weekend with the family. There is always hope that these visits will develop into a longer-lasting relationship and perhaps a home for the boy while he matures through his teenage years.

Edgefield staff members work closely with interested people, provide special parenting skills, and take care to match the adult with the boy. Interested persons are asked to call 661-4300 and ask for information about the foster program.

CPR For Infants

"Infant CPR" will be offered Thursday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m., at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center in Souther Auditorium, 9155 SW Barnes Road.

Participants will learn how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on children up to one year of age. Cost for the course is \$10.

Preregistration is necessary, and forms are available from St. Vincent's Health and Lifestyle Center, 11640 SW Parkway, 626-0890.

that organizations such as the Urban League and the NAACP are focusing on economic growth and development, jobs, Black crime, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancies, and crisis in the Black family. She believes that in spite of these problems, Black America will survive.

During the conference, participants developed a legislative agenda to submit to the Oregon Legislature for passage, which includes:

- To establish a comprehensive minority and women's business

enterprise program for the state of Oregon which includes goals for all purchases of goods and services including personal, professional and construction contracts, and monitoring of goal attainment.

- Legislation requiring all school districts to declare Martin Luther King Holiday an official holiday in which all schools will be closed.

- Legislation amending the legislature medical containment legislation to permit nurse practitioners' clinics, chiropractor clinics, and naturopathic clinics to be physicians'

care organizations (PCO's) contracted to provide services for those A.F.S. recipients who participate in Oregon's prepaid Managed Health Care Program.

OABA also voiced its opposition to Senate Bills 20 and 21. SB 20 establishes procedures for directives concerning providing, withholding or withdrawing life sustaining procedures. SB 21 fixes procedures to establish power of attorney for health care. Critics of the bills say they're not in the best interest of low income individuals and retarded

individuals.

Henry was asked in which direction he would like to see the OABA go during the remainder of the 80's. He replied, "I would like to see OABA continue its effort in an attempt to address the serious problems confronting Oregon's Black community. In addition, OABA will become more active in the Portland area." Henry said Blacks must become proactive and less reactive.

The following individuals received awards during the OABA Recognition Banquet: Gladys McCoy re-

ceived the OABA Political Development Award; Mike Clark, the President Award; John Burns, President of Oregon State University, the Educational Development Award; and Kathleen Saadat, David Little, and Jerry Garner each received the 1987 OABA Potential Leadership Award.

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